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#### **EDITORIALS**

#### THE TWENTY-FOURTH CONVENTION

What the officers of Sigma Xi are thinking about just now in connection with the society is the convention that is to be held in Cincinnati December 28. It promises to be of unusual value and importance, not only to the organization but to the cause of scientific research. The committee of arrangements has planned the following program:

2:30 P.M. Business session

6:15 P.M. Annual dinner

8:45 P.M. Second annual joint meeting of the Association for the Advancement of Science and Sigma Xi;

Address: The Vacuum; There's Something in it. Dr. Willis Rodney Whitney, Director of the Research Laboratory of the General Electric Company.

At the business session the executive committee will present petitions for charters from groups in some well known institutions, there will be reports of the officers bearing on the policy of the society upon which the officers would like expression of judgment, and the recently elected alumni committee will be present for the first time to represent the vast body of science workers whom it is desired to bring into close touch with the active society.

The evening event is sure to arouse deep interest on the part of every one in attendance on the general meetings. Dr. Whitney is too well known in this country and Europe as an investigator to need an introduction to any scientific audience. He has accomplished great things himself and has inspired many workers not only in

physics and chemistry, but also in many other fields. We shall hear about the latest developments in the many applications of vacuum tubes from one who has firsthand knowledge, and we shall see brilliant and splendid illustrations by a past master at demonstration.

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It is urged that chapters begin now to prepare for the convention by discussing at chapter meetings what they would like their delegates to find out about the ideals and policies of the national organization; what, if any, parts of the constitution they desire to be interpreted; and by appointing an enthusiastic and active member a delegate.

At the Boston Convention thirty-one out of the thirty-eight chapters were represented, the largest representation at a convention in the history of the society.

At the Cincinnati Convention the officers hope for one hundred per cent representation.

Will all chapter officers keep the convention before the chapters during the next two months?

#### THE SIGMA XI FELLOWSHIP

All Sigma Xi members are urged to read the account given in this issue of the award of the second Sigma Xi Fellowship, and of the researches that are to be carried out on this foundation. Dr. Moodie has already established a reputation as a research worker, the problem on which he is at present at work is an important one, and the society is glad to be in position to give its aid to an investigator of broad reputation.

#### AWARD OF THE SIGMA XI FELLOWSHIP FOR 1923-24

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The Executive Committee is pleased to announce the award of a Sigma Xi Fellowship for 1923–24 by Dr. Roy L. Moodie, of the Department of Anatomy of the College of Medicine of the University of Illinois, to enable him to continue his researches in Paleopathology. Dr. Moodie's contributions to this field have already been very extensive, and aided by this fellowship he expects to spend a large part of the coming year examining various museum collections in southwestern United States. The following is a statement of the proposed work, as prepared for the committee by Dr. Moodie.

Proposed Researches in Paleopathology to be made during the period July 1st, 1923 to July 1st, 1924, under the auspices of the Sigma Xi, by Dr. Roy L. Moodie, Sigma Xi Fellow for 1923–24.

#### · STATEMENT OF PROBLEM

GENERAL TOPIC: Studies in Paleopathology.

SPECIAL PHASE: Study of Pleistocene Pathology as represented by the collections of Rancho la Brea fossils at Los Angeles.

SPECIAL PHASE: Study of Pre-Columbian Pathology as represented in the collections of Indian remains at San Diego Museum. Special arrangements have already been made to study and describe these collections.

ACCESSORY STUDIES: The Environment of the Pre-Columbian Indians in Southern California, including a trip into the Colorado desert and in the mountains; the idea being to see if the environment of these primitive peoples can be regarded as of importance to their well being.

OTHER STUDIES: An enquiry into the mammalian life of the pre-Columbian Period. What were the domesticated animals of the pre-Columbian Indians of this area and what was their influence on the health of the people?

The permanent address will be 910 Superba Ave., Venice, California. From this point excursions will be made by motor, train and horseback to such places as Los Angeles, San Diego, Coachella Valley and the Colorado desert. Other points will undoubtedly arise as the work progresses. The greater part of fourteen months

will be consumed in these studies, and if not completed I plan to return again and again until the resources are exhausted.

#### DESIRABILITY OF THE WORK

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Very little is definitely known of the status of disease during the pre-Columbian Period. This gives us an opportunity of studying the influence which the contact of white races has had on a primitive race, so far as disease is concerned. An especial search is to be made for evidences of pre-Columbian syphilis, concerning the origin of which there is much doubt.

#### METHOD OF STUDY

The technique outlined in my previous Studies in Paleopathology will be followed in this endeavor. Gross examination of specimens will be followed by special histological examination of interesting lesions. Important histological characters will be illustrated by photomicrographs. Radiographic study may be made of certain important lesions. In general the type of illustration and study will follow the plan outlined by G. Elliot Smith and F. Wood Jones in their report on the Nubian mummies, described in the Report of the Archeological Survey of Nubia.

#### PREVIOUS STUDIES

A considerable amount of time and study, during the past eight years, have been devoted to perfecting the technique of this branch of science, especially that relating to fossil, and usually thoroughly petrified, animal remains. The published results are given in the Bibliographic List, including three books devoted to the subject of Paleopathology.

A study of fossil histology has been prepared but is not yet published. I plan to devote some time during this summer to a revision and completion of this paper for publication. An examination of the entire subject of fossil histology was necessary before an interpretation of the pathological lesions could be made. This paper is illustrated by five text figures and twelve full-page plates.

In conjunction with these studies I shall carry on a study of the Extinct Amphibia on which group of animals I have a volume well under way. This study involves a reconsideration of the possible

influence of disease on the extinction of this group of animals and a study of the histology of the skeleton-phases definitely related to Paleopathology.

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It seems probable that enough new material will be found to prepare an extensive memoir, or a large well-illustrated paper. The place of publication of the results must necessarily depend on the amount and quality of material.

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The installation of the Oregon Chapter of the Society of Sigma Xi occurred in the Woman's Building of the University of Oregon on Friday afternoon, June 22, 1923. The installing officers were the National President, Professor Henry B. Ward, and the National Secretary, Dean Edward Ellery.

President Ward presided at the meeting and after a few introductory remarks called for the reading of the petition and the records of action by the Executive Committee and the National Convention. Then followed the presentation of the certificates of membership to the petitioners who were already members of the Society after which the petitioners who were not members were ushered in and presented with their certificates of membership. The charter of the Oregon Chapter was then presented by President Ward to Professor A. E. Caswell, Chairman of the Sigma Xi Committee of the University of Oregon Science Club, after which formal announcement of the establishment of the Chapter at the University of Oregon was made.

Secretary Ellery was then called upon to deliver to the new chapter the charge from the National Organization. In this charge was set forth the aims and ideals of Sigma Xi and particularly was it stressed that Sigma Xi stands primarily for the promotion of research. These remarks brought up a number of questions which were later taken up in a symposium led by the National Officers but entered into by the members of the new chapter. These had to do mainly with the methods and policies of the organization, especially those in regard to the election of members from both the faculty and student body.

Following the symposium President Ward acted as chairman during the organization of the new chapter, which was accomplished by the presentation and adoption of the By-Laws and the nomination and election of the following officers:

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. G.	E.	Burget
. H.	B.	Yocom
. H.	R.	Crosland

Board of Electors,	
For one year,	Dr. Harry Beal Torrey
	Dr. E. S. Conklin
For two years,	Dr. O. F. Stafford
	Dr. E. L. Packard.

The meeting was then turned over to the new officers and congratulations were received from delegates and visitors of other institutions.

A noticeable feature of the exercises was the large attendance of members from other institutions. Professors R. M. Winger and John Weinzirl came as official representatives from the University of Washington Chapter while several members of the Faculty of the Oregon Agricultural College who were members at other institutions, and Professor Knowlton of Reed College were present although not as official representatives.

In the evening an installation banquet was held at the Anchorage Tea House at which short addresses were made by Professor A. E. Caswell, President P. L. Campbell, Dean Colin V. Dyment, Professor John Weinzirl, Professor Knowlton, Professor Nathan Fasten, Professor Roy M. Winger. Greetings were extended to the new organization from the National Organization by National Secretary Edward Ellery while the principal address of the evening was given by the National President Henry B. Ward.

The following are the names of the charter members of the Oregon Chapter of the Sigma Xi:

William Fitch Allen
Robert Louis Benson
John Freeman Bovard
William Pingry Boynton
George Emmanuel Burget
Albert Edward Caswell
Edmund Smith Conklin
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#### CHAPTER REPORTS

#### NORTH DAKOTA

Annual report of University of North Dakota Chapter of Sigma Xi for the year 1922–23.

Officers elected:

President, A. D. Bush, resigned and K. H. Fussler succeeded him as per by-laws.

V. Pres., K. H. Fussler elected but on resignation of Dr. Bush became president.

Secretary-Treasurer, L. P. Dove.

#### MEETINGS, TOPICS AND LECTURERS

"The Morphology of The Vein-Islet in Foliage Leaves," Miss Sara Lewis, of the Department of Botany.

"The Progress of Testing North Dakota Lignite," Dean E. J. Babcock of the School of Mines.

"Impressions of Madison, Wisconsin," Doctor Norma E. Pfeiffer of the Department of Botany.

"Parathyroid Hypo-function," Mr. A. W. Bell of the School of Medicine.

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"Sensitivity of the Peripheral Retina," Mr. Raymond McCradit of the School of Medicine.

"The Spiritual Evolution of Man," Dean Edward Ellery, Union College, Schenectady, N. Y. Joint meeting with Phi Beta Kappa

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Doctor George A. Abbott, Research on poisons, paints and oils and recent perfection of an improved colorimeter.

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February 26—"The Atomic Structure and the Periodical System of Elements," Professor A. Sommerfeld, Director of the Institute of Mathematical Physics, Munich.

May 14—"The Ammonia System of Acids, Bases and Salts," Professor E. C. Franklin, Prof. of Organic Chemistry, Stamford University.

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1. Nov. 24, 1922. Pres. John C. Merriam of the Carnegie Institution of Washington spoke on the subject "Have the Days of Creation Ended?"

2. March 6, 1923. Prof. R. H. Curtiss of the Astronomy staff spoke on the topic "Stellar Evolution."

3. May 3, 1923. Prof. E. F. Barker of the Physics staff spoke on the topic "Atomic Structure."

Several business meetings for the revision of the by-laws of the local chapter after the revision of the national Constitution were held, and the fall initiation was held Dec. 4, 1922, and the spring initiation May 25, 1923. At the latter, following the usual banquet and initiation ceremonies, the retiring president, Prof. A. F. Shull of the Zoology staff, spoke on the subject "The University of Michigan in 1923."

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